

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of and claiming priority to related, earlier filed applications, Applicants have preliminarily amended the text of the specification on page 1 of this U.S. national stage application to provide a cross-reference to related applications, i.e., to clearly state that this application is a United States national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of international application No. PCT/CA00/00790, filed July 6, 2000, designating the United States and claiming priority to and benefit of United States provisional application No. 60/143,054, filed July 6, 1999, expired. This cross-reference to related applications was previously noted on a Filing Receipt, mailed to Applicants on March 5, 2002 (Confirmation No. 7680). Accordingly, the amendment adds no new matter.

Entry of the amendment to page 1 of the specification is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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